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1. COMMITTEE I: IN FORMAL COMMITTEE I MEETING YESTERDAY CALLED TO DISCUSS WORKSHIP CO-CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS, US MADE STATEMENT THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE EXTREMIST VIEWS OF LDC'S REFLECTED IN REPORT REPRESENTED MAINSTREAM OF G-77 THINKING. THIS COMMENT WAS NOT COUNTERED BY ANY LDC SPOKESMAN. LATER, IN INFORMAL MEETING, US MADE SAME COMMENT BUT MUCH MORE DIRECTLY, AND WAS SIMILARLY MET WITH SILENCE. PRIVATELY, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT OUR EMPHASIS ON ISOLATION OF FEW LDC EXTREMISTS IS STRIKING RESPONSIVE CORD AMONG G-77, WHO IN FACT ARE STARTING TO REALIZE THAT THEIR PROPOSALS ON SYSTEM OF EXPOLITATION WERE MUCH MORE EXTREME THAN ACTUAL POSITIONS OF VAST MAJORITY. DISCUSSIONS IN NEGOTIATING GROUP ON SYSTEM OF EXPOITATION WERE SUSPENDED YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON WHEN CO-CHAIRMEN (JAGOTA, INDIA AND SONDAAL, NETHERLANDS) HELD CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFTS THEY HAD
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RESPECTIVELY PREPARED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA

FOR CONTRACTORS. DRAFTS DID NOT COMMAND SUPPORT AS BASIS OF NEGOTIATION BUT THOSE DELS IN CONSULTATIONS (DRAFTING GROUP OF G-77 CI CONTACT GROUP AND GROUP OF 5 PLUS FRG AND SOME EAST EUROPEANS) UNANIMOUSLY AGREED CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DRAW UP LIST OF OBJECTIVE CRITERIA AND HOLD SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS. JAGOTA (INDIA) STRONGLY VETOED THIS IDEA, INSISTING THAT ALL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN OPEN NEGOTIATING GROUP. THUS, FIRST INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE WILL TO NEGOTIATING AMONG 77 LEADERS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY SQUELCHED FOR TIME BEING BY JAGOTA.

2. COMMITTEE III: COMMITTEE III IS PRESENTLY WORKING ONLY ON MARINE POLLUTION ISSUES. YANKOV PLANS ONE HEAD OF DELEGATION PRIVATE NEGOTIATING SESSION ON THURSDAY, AND THEN WILL REPORT TO FULL COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY MORNING ON HIS VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

3. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: ECUADOR SEEMS TO BE STARTING A CAMPAIGN TO STRENGTHEN THE CONCILIATION PROCEDURE, WHICH MAY BE A PRELUDE TO AN ATTEMPT TO SUBSTITUTE IT FOR ARBITRATION AND JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT.
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